



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX**

75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

March 2, 2005

Don Neubacher, Superintendent
Point Reyes National Seashore
Point Reyes, CA 94956

Subject: Non-Native Deer Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
[CEQ # 050030]

Dear Mr. Neubacher:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above referenced document. Our review and comments are provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementation Regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The DEIS analyzes alternatives for management of Axis Deer and Fallow Deer in Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) and Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands administered by PRNS. The intent of the plan is to assist the National Park Service in restoring native ecosystems within park lands and preventing the spread of non-native deer into surrounding private and public lands, and to address impacts to agricultural permittees within PRNS. We have rated this DEIS as LO -- Lack of Objections (see enclosed "Summary of Rating Definitions").

We appreciate the opportunity to review this DEIS and request a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement when it is filed with our Washington, D.C. office. If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 972-3854, or have your staff call Jeanne Geselbracht at (415) 972-3853.

Sincerely,

/S/
Lisa B. Hanf, Manager
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Enclosure: "Summary of Rating Definitions"